

First-Hand, Close-Up Views of "De-construction" Days In the German Capital



GERMANY'S SCHOOL HEAD.

The difference between the old and new type of rulers of the German republic is so marked as to be noticeable even in photographs. Dr. Gustav Weyken, who is director of schools and universities, is a type of the new regime.



SOLDIERS' COUNCIL MEETING IN REICHSTAG.

An intimate view of the German Soldiers' Council in session is shown in this photograph which has just reached this side of the Atlantic from Berlin. A soldier delegate is shown in the rostrum

addressing his comrades. Much of the history of the revolution has grown out of just such meetings as this.



A BERLIN SCENE.

All of Germany was in a chaotic state for months after the termination of the war. The opposing factions fought bitterly for control of the country, but finally the recognized Ebert regime obtained control.

CHECK STUB TO SOLVE MYSTERY

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Chinese to return to Washington. While denying that he could be in any way connected with the triple murder or the forgery, Van said he would return and help the police.

Van said he is a chemist, that he had been employed in the French laboratories in New York and in a munitions plant in Ohio.

Wan Had No Occupation.

As far as can be learned, the other brother, Zing Sung Wan, had no employment and no visible means of support. Last summer he was a student at Columbia University in New York. Since then he seems to have had no occupation.

Both of the young Chinese are described as "dandies"—the sort who frequent club rooms, play billiards, borrow money from their friends, and while they toll not, and neither do they spin, are attired like the proverbial lilies. Three handwriting experts of the police department and at least eight outside experts have examined the little slip of paper—the check stub of the missing forged check which is worth its weight in diamonds as the actual connecting link—the pointing arrow which without any question indicates the murderer of the three Chinese educators.

How the Stub Figures.

"The man who wrote that stub," said Inspector Grant, "was an expert writer. He could write Spencerian or hieroglyphics with equal ease. The average Chinese is not a good writer. Nevertheless for all his skill, he made two fatal errors—the sort of errors the murdered always makes—the one thing left undone, or the one thing done too carefully, which leads the police to its quarry. In the first place he made the check out to bearer and the stub out to Dr. T. T. Wong.

In the second, he made a fatal error in filling out the stub at all. Had he left the stub blank, we might never have happened on this clue which has opened up the entire case for us. "All we would have seen was that a check had been torn out. Had the stub been left blank, we might have thought that any check had been filled out."

While Major Pullman would not say so in actual words, his whole manner and bearing indicate that he has come to the end of a large and arduous chase and that success is well in sight. "This case demonstrates to us, however," Major Pullman said, "the need of a photograph in all banks so that doubtful checks could be instantly photographed before being returned to the person who presents them. In this case we have not found the check and probably never will. Undoubtedly it has been destroyed. Had the

bank had a photograph of the check even though the forger had destroyed the original. We have the stub, however, which will satisfy all our needs. All through the night, sometimes in the presence of Z. S. Wan, sometimes alone, W. S. Van was questioned. This morning the police announced that one or more formal arrests would soon be made.

That Wan's brother knows a great deal more about the young Chinese student's activities on the night of the murder than he has yet been willing to admit, the police have positive proof. How deeply he himself was involved in the tragedy the police probe is gradually revealing. After the first session in which Z. S. Wan was questioned, it became evident that the brother must also be examined. Detective Kelley was rushed to New York to bring the other Van, to Washington. He arrived last night.

Two Men Involved.

That two men, both Chinese, were concerned in the actual murder at the mission is now practically certain. One may have left Washington the same night and the other, believing himself unidentified with the mission activities, remained to cash the bogus check. The police, while wholly uncommunicative, are known to suspect that it was Wan's brother who appeared at the bank and tried to secure the \$3,000. Bank officials who saw the young Chinese and who told him additional identification would be necessary before the check could be cashed, are to be called upon to attempt to identify the young man to-day. If the identification can be made with certainty the police will have solved one of the most baffling and extraordinary crimes in all police annals. It is understood that Z. S. Wan, himself, has been practically eliminated from suspicion as the person who appeared at the bank. He is being held under suspicion of a much graver nature.

Although he has been questioned again and again, the police cannot extract from him a satisfactory story. He insists that the residents of the mission knew he was to depart for New York, that he left on a train at 8:15 and that his friend, Ben Sen Wu, one of the murdered men, accompanied him to the station and saw him off on the train. The statement is so patently a falsehood as to brand every other detail of his story as equally false. According to King Chu and Howard Jeffers, young Wu, at that hour, was just finishing dinner with them at a Pennsylvania avenue restaurant. They insist that he could not have seen Van off and that he never intimated in any way that he had any such engagement.

Men Not Related.

More than that there is no train for New York at that hour. All possibility that Wan could have been related, either by blood or marriage, to Dr. Wong, has been eliminated by the statement of the slain man's oldest daughter, who has arrived from Ann Arbor, Mich. "I never heard the name of Wan in connection either with my father's business or personal affairs," she said when questioned by police and legal authorities. He certainly is not related to us in any way. I have no

reason to believe that my father had any enemy. I cannot conceive of any reason why anyone should desire his death."

The most pathetic figure in the whole triple tragedy is the slain educator. Six thousand miles away from her home and her mother's arms, she finds herself entirely alone in a far country, her father the victim of a dastardly and unwarranted murder and her plans of life and education completely upset and changed.

The oldest daughter of a family of five girls and two boys, Helen Wong was the idol of her father's heart. He had the same ambitions for her that another man might have held for an oldest son. He had determined that her education should be complete in every way. While the family lived here, their residence being in Lanier place, Helen attended Miss Madeira's school on Nineteenth street. She then attended Hanmore Academy, near Baltimore, where she won a five-year scholarship at the University of Michigan. She intended to specialize in medicine at the completion of her university course.

Dr. Wong Prominent.

Dr. Wong's prominence in his own country and in educational circles in this country has scarcely been realized by the people reading of his untimely end. He is recognized as one of the foremost educators of the world. He translated the Bible into Chinese, and with Dr. Yen, the Chinese ambassador to Germany, rendered Webster's dictionary into this language, affording Chinese and English students a complete Chinese-English dictionary for the first time. For these scholarly accomplishments he was honored by the Chinese government. Other volumes from his pen are used as text books in the schools of China.

Because of his prodigious labors and scholarly attainments, Dr. Wong was the logical man to be chosen as director general of the Chinese educational mission, endowed with approximately \$600,000. The United States share of the Boxer indemnity. More than 500 students, about 100 of whom were young Chinese girls, were studying in this country under his supervision at the time of the murder. He was in direct communication with them all, paid their expenses, and received frequent letters from them reporting their progress and asking advice. No one who knew Dr. Wong could credit the idea that a disgruntled student might have committed the crime. If there was any criticism, it was directed toward the boys and girls under his direction it was that he was too indulgent. When they came to Washington he entertained them lavishly and devoted himself to them. He also attended all the students' conferences and addressed the Chinese members, exhorting them to conduct themselves in this land of adoption as to allow no stigma to rest on the land of their birth.

Had Many Friends.

Dr. Wong had a very wide circle of friends here in Washington. He is remembered as first coming here over twenty years ago, when he was a student at the University of Virginia. He became friendly at that time with Thomas Morrison, for many years in the diplomatic service. This friendship has continued through the years, and the diplomat's daughter, also a Mrs. Morrison, of 1322 Riggs place, counted Dr. Wong as one of her closest and dearest friends.

"He was one of the most delightful men to know," Mrs. Morrison says. "He was a brilliant conversationalist and could speak with authority on any subject. He spoke Oxford English and his diction, without a trace of accent, was a delight to the ear. I myself never called at the mission because we looked upon that as a business establishment. When Mrs. Wong was here, they had a delightful home in Lanier place where I often called. Dr. Wong's home life was very beautiful and Mrs. Wong only returned to Shanghai a year ago because the climate of Washington was found to be detrimental to her health. After that Dr. Wong and his associates kept bachelor quarters at the mission, taking their meals out and having a colored girl in two hours a day to straighten out the house. "Dr. Wong called at my house Friday before his death. He was his usual charming self, but he seemed a little homesick for China. He expressed the wish to go back as soon as he could on a visit, although it was apparent he had no definite plans. He longed, he told me, to see his wife and children, especially the boys, Winifred and Theodore."

In Consular Service.

As a young man Dr. Wong was in the consular service at Nanjing. It was seven years ago that he took up his duties as director of the mission. He went back to China several times,

and when he returned three years ago, he brought with him the young student, Wu, the young man who was destined to go with him to a tragic and untimely death. Wu is described as a very likable young man of whom Dr. Wong was especially fond.

The police are working on the theory that Wan, whose presence at the mission was apparently distasteful to one or more members of the household, had announced his intention of leaving Washington on Wednesday, that he packed his traveling bag and made all arrangements for the trip. Then, the police theory goes, he returned to the mission, possibly with another Chinese, Dr. Kong Li, a positive that it was he who opened the door to him at 7 o'clock that night and refused him admittance. The police believe there was someone else in the house with him at the time—someone he did not want Dr. Li to see.

They point out that, unless Wu believed his friend had already departed or was going at a later date, he would have spent the last evening of his stay with him and would have eaten dinner with him, instead of with King Chu and Howard Jeffers. Wu made no statement, either of having seen his friend off for New York, or of intending to do so at a later hour. The only reference he did make was that he had been entertaining a friend, but that friend would not be with him that evening. Wu was seen by his friends as late as 8 o'clock.

ASK D. C. POLICE TO AID IN MAN HUNT

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delphia, where the tramp claimed as his home; Baltimore, Richmond, Roanoke, Lynchburg, and Warrenton. The county officials and constables at Mount Airy, Prince William, Pasquot, Culpeper, and Orange counties, through which it is thought the tramp might pass if walking, have also been notified to watch for him.

Certain of Success.

Sheriff Allison is confident of apprehending the tramp who made the second assault on Miss Barrett. Before committing the crime the man called at the home of Daniel Timer and begged for a meal. Mr. Timer and his wife observed him while eating and gave a complete description of the tramp, which was corroborated by Marshal Pittsburgh, towerman at Cameron's Run tower, where the man asked for information about freight trains for the South.

According to the description he had a scar from eyebrow to eyebrow and one on the bridge of his nose. He was from Pennsylvania, "bound south," and about 35 years of age. The man has light hair, blue eyes, florid complexion, weighs about 145 or 150 pounds, is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, and about 35 years of age. He wore a light cap, old tan shoes and a brownish-gray jacket. The soldier was traced by the hounds as far as a stream. There the trail was lost. It is presumed that he crossed the stream and went to Camp Humphreys. The military police are making an investigation. Minute measurements of the footprints of both men were made by a draftsman and are in the hands of the Commonwealth's attorney.

Dogs Take Up Scent.

R. S. Glascock, master of the hounds at Occoquan, arrived with two Kentucky hounds about noon yesterday. The dogs immediately took up the scent, which was found at the scene of the first assault. Despite nearly twenty hours which had elapsed, they followed the man to the rifle range, where, upon questioning the caretaker, it was found the man had slept on the reservation. Miss Garrett works as a stenographer at the Southern Railway offices in Washington, and, with her brother, supports her mother and aged stepfather. She is but eighteen years of age and has lived at Seminary all her life.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Farr is confident that the tramp left the railroad and struck off "across country." It is believed that another day's search will land him. If it fails his description will be spread broadly. When he is caught, Mr. Farr says, every precaution will be taken to guard him against the enraged villagers.

SENATE TO PROBE RED ACTIVITY HERE

In the midst of a heated discussion of the meeting held in Washington at Poll's Theater Sunday night, at which it is alleged the cause of Bolshevism was upheld, the Senate this afternoon adopted a resolution by Senator Walsh of Montana, a leading Democratic Senator, providing for extending the scope of the jurisdiction of the Overman sub-committee so as to include an investigation into Bolshevism in this country.

The resolution was adopted without a roll call and after a number of Senators had denounced Bolshevism and the sentiments expressed at the meeting at Poll's and at another meeting said to have been held last night at the old Mason Temple. Senator Poindexter of Washington, Republican, introduced a resolution calling on the Attorney General to inform the Senate what steps it should have taken, if any, to investigate the speeches made at the meeting at Poll's and to enforce the laws.

Charges Treason.

A resolution of Senator Poindexter asserts that it is the duty of the Department of Justice to enforce the laws against violence, treason, and insurrection, and especially when the country is in a state of war that it is a peculiar obligation rests upon the Department of Justice to preserve order in the District. The resolution further sets forth that the advocacy of the use of force and criminal and unlawful steps in the nature of treason, looking to the overthrow of the Government, where advocated according to reports of the meeting at Poll's, that the cause of the Bolsheviki which are at war with the United States, and the fact that the meeting at Poll's and at another meeting at the old Mason Temple. Senator Poindexter's resolution was not acted upon, but may be called up tomorrow. The action of the Senate in adopting the Walsh resolution foreshadows a Senate inquiry into the meetings here and into charges that a national campaign of Bolshevism, and more especially the Bolshevism of the Lenin-Trotsky brand which is alleged by the American government to have been engineered and financed from Berlin, is at work to spread Bolshevism in this country.

Myers Starts Fireworks.

Senator Myers of Montana started the fireworks in the Senate today by denouncing the meeting at Poll's. Senator Kellogg of Minnesota also denounced Bolshevism. Senator Borah, in referring to the Poindexter resolution and to the tax on the meetings here said that it was only fair to say that it was denied by those responsible for the meeting at Poll's that any disloyal action was contemplated. The meeting at Poll's Theater has served to bring to a head much of the charges of abhorrence of Bolshevism, and more especially the Bolshevism of the Lenin-Trotsky brand which is alleged by the American government to have been engineered and financed from Berlin, is at work to spread Bolshevism in this country.

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Should Be Prosecuted.

"For one, I wish to protest against permitting such assemblies in this country. If I occupy a street corner and counsel my auditors to go to the White House and murder the President, the police very properly interfere. But if I conduct a campaign of universal murder and destruction including the overthrow of the Government of the United States, I have a right to free speech, and go unscathed."

"I contend that one is just as criminal as the other, and unless the cause of this country, the millions of peace-loving people, realize and realize very soon, the fact that there is a propaganda, usually secret but frequently open, which is being carried on to overthrow the Government of the United States, and erect upon its ruins a so-called government of murderers, anarchists, thieves, and

scoundrels of every description, with here and there some honest, but deluded individual among them, the avalanche may be upon us before we are fully aware of it.

"I think it is safe to say that every murderer, every criminal who hopes to prosper politically or materially, or both upon the overthrow of the social state by violence, massacre of men, the ravishing of women and the destruction of liberty by robbery, arson and all the other social crimes known to the calendar, are not only members, but enthusiastic members, of this so-called organization.

Senator King, who is a member of the subcommittee investigating German propaganda, declared there was a world-wide propaganda against law and order, and he had no doubt paid agents of Lenin and Trotsky were active in the United States. He said the purpose of the meeting at Poll's was to "extol Bolshevism, and condemn the Constitution."

The agitation over the subject led to a hot discussion in the House over the charge of Congressman Mason that a part of the American loan to Russia is being used by Russian agents in this country to pay interest on Russian bonds sold here before the United States entered the war.

Chairman Phelan, of the House Banking and Currency Committee, warmly denied this.

BRITISH AIRPLANE CAN CROSS OCEAN

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would have a total lift of ninety-five tons, when 55 per cent inflated. Of this fifty-five tons carrying capacity would be available for gasoline, oil, and commercial loads. Counting comfortable accommodations for 100 passengers as part of the commercial load, this could reasonably be estimated at a further ten tons structural weight, and the carrying capacity would be reduced to forty-five tons.

The speed attainable with 2,400 horsepower would be about seventy-five miles an hour. For a trip from London to New York, less than thirty tons of the lifting capacity would be required for gasoline, oils, and supplies. At the end of the flight the dirigible would be able to attain a height of 9,000 feet, experts say. By reducing the speed from seventy-five to forty-five miles the consumption of gasoline would be greatly diminished and the maximum range of flight at the reduced speed would be more than 19,000 miles.

The rigid dirigible is immune from danger due to engine failure, because it has many engines which can be repaired en route. Fog also poses no terror, because the dirigible can rise above it or render it negligible by dropping flares.

See Importance in Trade.

Experts at the air ministry believe that aerial communication will attain a place of pre-eminent importance within a very few years. In the world trade, and Great Britain is not going to take a back seat. In fact, officials are looking forward to Britain having the same place in aerial that she now has upon the sea.

In the early days of the war British experts developed the best non-rigid airship in existence, known as the "North sea" type, and used for patrol work with the grand fleet. One of these, possessing only one-seventh the gas capacity of the "supers" and less than one-quarter of the engine power, flew for two days and thirteen hours, covering 1,420 miles. Of course the performance of this non-rigid cannot be compared with the German Zeppelin that flew from Jamoli, Bingstad, to East Africa and back, remaining in the air four days and covering 7,500 miles. However, the worth of the non-rigid indicates the power which the big superdirigibles will soon show the world.

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CIVIL SERVICE JOBS BACK FOR EX-SOLDIERS

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"ILLTREATED" ON CAR, SHE SUES FOR \$10,000

The Capital Traction Company is named defendant in a suit filed by Miss Virginia Boardman for \$10,000.

damages for alleged personal injuries. Miss Boardman, who is represented by Attorney H. Winship Wheatley, alleges that on January 23 last she suffered ill-treatment from a conductor. She said she offered him a transfer, which he pronounced an insult, and when she refused to pay another fare the conductor, in an insulting manner, attempted to eject her from the car, but was prevented from carrying out his threat by the other passengers.

ELECTION IN ITALY IN MAY.
ROME, Feb. 4.—A general election will be held May 24 on the anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war, it is reported.

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